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SUBJ: DISAPPOINTING RESULTS OF OLADE SIX

1. AFTER RATHER DISCOURAGING START, DELEGATES ATTENDING SIXTH OLADE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MEXICO CITY APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPTING TO FORMULATE SOME KIND OF ACTION PROPOSALS SO CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE TOTAL FAILURE SOME DELEGATES ARE PREDICTING. ABOUT ONLY SUBJECT OF ANY CONSENSUS SO FAR HAS BEEN INEFFECTIVENESS OF OLAD AND INABILITY OF DELEGATES TO AGREE ON ANY KIND OF PLAN OF ACTION.

2. FROM FIRST DAY OF CONFERENCE, MEXICO, AS HOST, COMPLAINED ABOUT POOR SHOWING OF MINISTERS (OUR COUNT SHOWS ONLY SIX MINISTERS AMONGST THE DELEGATIONS), WITH MANY COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ONLY BY THEIR MEXICAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES. THE GRUMBLING BECAME SO WIDESPREAD THAT THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT THIS MAY, INDEED, BE LAST ATTEMPT AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING FOR OLADE.

3. LACK OF CONSENSUS AMONGST DELEGATIONS APPEARS TO STEM
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PRIMARILY FROM VERY BASIC DISAGREEMENTS ON WHAT OLADE

SHOULD BE AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHO IS GOING TO PAY
BILLS. VENEZUELAN DELEGATION, UNDERSTANDABLY WARY THAT
THEIR IMAGE OF RICH OIL EXPORTER WAS GOING TO CAUSE
THEM PROBLEMS, HAS APPARENTLY REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO ROLE
OF OLADE'S PRINCIPAL BENEFACTOR, TO CONSTERNATION OF MANY
WHO OBVIOUSLY THOUGHT THIS WAS RIGHT AND PROPER.

4. IN ATTEMPT TO AVOID COMPLETE SHAMBLES, DELEGATES
ATTENDING CONFERENCE DID MANAGE TO ELECT CARLOS MIRANDA
OF BOLIVA IS PERMANENT SECRETARY AND TO DRAW UP FOUR
POINT PLAN, NOTEWORTHY FOR ITS LACK OF SPECIFICS. PLAN
AS REVEALED, IS (A) STUDY CREATION OF LATIN AMERICAN
ENERGY MARKET (WHATEVER THAT MAY BE); (B) PREPARATION
OF STUDIES ON JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SOURCES IN
LATIN AMERICA;(C) STUDY OF MECHANISMS WHEREBY OIL
PRODUCER NATIONS MIGHT HELP IMPORTING NATIONS EASE STRAIN
OF IMPORT COSTS WITHOUT MODIFYING PRICES; (D) OBTAIN
NECESSARY RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS TO RESOLVE SHORT TERM
ENERGY PROBLEMS AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SOURCES.

5. IN CONCLUSION, DELEGATES DECIDED NEXT TECHNICAL
EXPERTS' MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN MONTEVIDEO AND NEXT
MINISTERIAL IN COSTA RICA. THEY ALSO DECIDED TO CREATE
TWO SUB-DIVISIONS WITHIN PERMANENT SECRETARIAT, ONE TO
MONITOR PROGRESS OF STUDIES AND OTHER FOR FINANCES.
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